

Events in and around Blue Island



Creating Our Own Luck

On Monday, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, City of Blue Island, Historical Society, BIOS Farm, Council Oak Montessori School, Robinson Engineering, and Chicago Southland CVB welcomed Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Board of Commissioners President Kari K. Steele and her staff to discuss planned business and community development projects at three properties along the Cal-Sag that the City leases from MWRD.

The first stop on the group's tour was of the MWRD Waterfall Park at Fulton & Chatham Streets to discuss approval for a summertime schedule of community concerts and festivals along with grounds maintenance and safety, beautification projects, and accessibility planning at the site.

From there, the group toured BIOS Farm along Canal Street, where Joe O'Meara reviewed farm operations and plans for expansion, and Eric Alvarez from Robinson Engineering outlined where a Cal-Sag Trail rest stop with access to drinking water (and water for the farm!) will be constructed this year as soon as weather conditions permit.

Finally, the group visited a plot of land near James & Ann Streets, where BIOS Farm and Council Oak Montessori School are requesting approval to construct an educational garden utilizing recent grant awards from Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation and the WholeKids Foundation.

A very special thank you to Tom Shepherd for coordinating the meeting, and to President Steele and staff for taking the time to learn more about a few of the exciting developments planned in Blue Island and our neighboring communities.

Chamber



Best of Blue Island Awards Dinner

Join us for a cocktail party, live jazz by 360 Degrees, and a sit-down dinner, followed by the very popular "Best of Blue Island" awards.

When: Saturday, March 30, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Beggars Pizza, 12700 S. Kedzie Ave.

Tickets: Single \$65 | Couple \$120. [RSVP and pay for your tickets online by clicking here.](#)

Blue Island

Trivia

Play Whaddayaknow? Trivia every Thursday at Kelly's Irish Saloon. Great prizes for winning teams and drink specials all night. Stop in with some friends and show off that big brain of yours.

When: Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Kelly's Irish Saloon, 13312 Olde Western Ave.

Open Hours at the Albee House

Blue Island Historical Society has expanded their open hours to three days a week, and invited the Chamber to set up a pop-up office there so we can be more accessible to the community and our business owners. Visit the house to learn more about area history and view historic artifacts and photos, and don't forget your merch money - from ornaments to books, postcards to commemorative shirts, proceeds from your purchase support Blue Island Historical Society's ongoing education and preservation initiatives.

When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Blue Island Historical Society, 13018 Maple Ave.

Friday Fish Fries

Fraternal Order of Eagles

Appetizers include breaded cheese ravioli w/marinara sauce (\$5). The main menu offers fried shrimp (\$14), fried



Program Launch: Hero Meals

For generations, many Blue Island Business Owners have donated time and money to make sure Blue Island's first responders are well fed on the holidays when most of the nation is home celebrating with family and friends.

We're proud to continue this tradition using the expertise, manpower, and collaborative spirit of our membership to launch Hero Meals.

[Learn more and sign up to help by clicking here.](#)

Save The Date:

Lunch & Learn: A Second Helping with Howard Coppari, City of Blue Island Community Development Manager
When: Thursday, April 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Where: Blue Island Historical Society, 13018 Maple Ave.

Business Breakfast: Progress Center For Independent Living
When: Thursday, April 25, 8:00 a.m.
Where: City Hall East Annex, 2434 Vermont St.

B2B

Lunch & Learn: Supplier Diversity

Illinois community colleges, state universities and assisting agencies invite you a networking event focused on creating successful partnerships and meaningful business relationships.

When: Thursday, March 21, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Where: Joliet Junior College U-Building Auditorium, 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet
RSVP: jjc.edu/IHESD

Job Fair

Dwight D. Eisenhower High School, in conjunction with the City of Blue Island and Villages of Alsip, Merrionette Park, and Robbins, invite businesses and organizations to participate in their first ever job fair. [Click here to register online.](#) Questions may be directed to Malinda Majoch at malinda.majoch@chsd218.org.
When: Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Where: Dwight D. Eisenhower High School, 12700 Sacramento Ave.

catfish, cod and perch filets (\$13 each) and whitefish and chicken tenders (\$10 each). All dinners come with fries or baked potato and coleslaw; add mac and cheese for \$2. Side dishes include jalapeno poppers (\$6), onion rings (\$5), mac & cheese or jalapeno mac & cheese (\$3), and extra fries (\$1.50). Women's Auxiliary Bake Sale treats available for dessert, along with entertainment most nights. Call ahead to-go orders available at 708-388-9739.

When: Fridays 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. through April 19

Where: Fraternal Order of Eagles 1332, 2427 Grove St.

St. Benedict

Stop by St. Benedict Church Hall for lunch, dinner, or carryout meals of baked or fried fish, cole slaw, french fries, and beets - just \$10 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

When: Fridays 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. through April 12

Where: St. Benedict Church Hall, York & Gregory

Cuzin's

Cuzin's invites you to All You Can Eat Fish Fry and other Lenten Specials Available March 8th through April 19th. Wild caught Alaskan Pollock, Jumbo Shrimp, Pepper & Egg, and more. Their full Lenten Menu [can be viewed by clicking here.](#)

When: Fridays through April 19

Where: Cuzin's, 2825 W. 127th St.

Don't forget to check out the yummy Lenten Specials at [D'Masti](#), [Maple Tree Inn Bistro](#), [La Vieja Castilla](#), [Giuseppe's](#), and more!

Neighborhood Network Mixer

The Blue Island-Robbins Neighborhood Network hosts their annual mixer and community awards on Friday evening. This year's honorees include Southland Human Services Leadership Council, Shawnya Owens, Blue Cap, Dr. Anthony Edison, and Hudson Academy.

When: Friday, March 15, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Blue Cap, 1962 Broadway

Karaoke Fridays

This Friday night in Blue Island, unleash your inner rock star with B*A*Star Karaoke at Cuzin's! The fun begins at 8:00 p.m., but arrive early and enjoy delicious food and drink specials.

When: Fridays, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Cuzin's, 2825 W. 127th St.

Live: Pat Taylor and Friends

Saddle up and ride to Natural Law Friday night for a little rock n' roll for the soul courtesy of Pat Taylor and Friends, and graze on delicious selections from the kitchen until the cows come home. If you stick around long enough, you'll see Pat and Friends again on Sunday for their St. Patrick's Day Parade After Party.

When: Friday, March 15, 10:00 p.m. & Sunday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.

Where: Natural Law, 13404 Olde Western Ave.

New Dealer Info Session

Three Sisters Antique Mall has booth and case space available, and will be hosting New Dealer Information Sessions this weekend. The friendly Three Sisters team will be sharing dealer operations information and best practices, along with assisting interested vendors in filling out an application for an Illinois Sales Tax ID.

When: Saturday March 16 and Sunday March 17, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Three Sisters Antique Mall, 13042 Western Ave.

Live: Jim Cloonan + Weber Irish Dance

Jim Cloonan returns to Blue Island Beer Company this St. Patrick's Day weekend for an early, family-friendly Irish music matinee. The day will also include a performance from Weber Irish Dance and the tapping of BIBCo's dreamy, creamy, and light Jerk Store Cream Soda Stout.

When: Saturday, March 16, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Blue Island Beer Company, 13357 Olde Western Ave.

Live: Iron Dogs

Reading & recreation



Blue Island Public Library

March 14

3:00 p.m. - Open Maker Hours

March 15

3:00 p.m. - Open Maker Hours

March 18

5:00 p.m. - Origami Butterflies

6:00 p.m. - Creative Nonsense

March 19

12:00 p.m. - ESL Computer Classes /Clases de Computación ESL

3:00 p.m. - Open Maker Hours

5:00 p.m. - Youth Open Maker Hours

6:00 p.m. - Songwriters Circle Weekly Meetup

7:00 p.m. - Adult Craft Corner: Safety Pin Bracelet

March 20

12:00 p.m. - Clases de Crochet con Mirna

3:00 p.m. - Open Maker Hours

4:30 p.m. - BreakoutEDU

Escape Room Event

5:30 p.m. - Book Discussion for Kids

6:00 p.m. - D.I.Y. Dream Catchers

8:00 p.m. - Moon Viewing with Moon Pies

Where: 2433 York St.

www.blueislandlibrary.org

Blue Island Park District



Recreation Open House

Meet instructors and coaches, register for upcoming events, enjoy games, prizes, #ParkIt swag and more.

When: Saturday, March 30, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Memorial Park Field House, 12804 Highland Ave.

Early Bird Pool Passes

Get your Summer 2019 Pool Pass for Memorial Park Pool with maximum savings when you take advantage of the Early Bird Pool Pass program. Layaway plans available.

When: Passes on sale now!

Where: Memorial Park, 12804 Highland Ave.

www.blueislandparks.org

Get your St. Patrick's Day party started a day early with the Cuzin's crew and musical guest Iron Dogs, who will be playing your favorite classic rock hits from every decade.

When: Saturday, March 16, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Cuzin's, 2825 W. 127th St.

Brunch Invasion

Feast this St. Patrick's Day with an Irish Brunch Invasion at Rock Island Public House. The Dohertys promise to rep the Emerald Isle with homemade corned beef, colcannon, and South Side famous Doherty Clan soda bread. Pair your brunch with a craft beer from the RIPH's carefully curated on-tap selection. Wee little leprechauns welcome!

When: Sunday, March 17, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Rock Island Public House, 13328 Olde Western Ave.

Open House

Council Oak Montessori School is hosting an Open House for parents and students interested in learning more about the school's Preschool-8th grade programs. For more information, visit counciloakmontessori.org or call 708-926-9720.

When: Monday, March 18, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Council Oak Montessori School, 2521 Grove St.

Entertainment

St. Patrick's Day Parade After Party

It's Bourbon Street's biggest party of the year, featuring great food and drink specials and live entertainment all day long on three different stages.

When: Sunday, March 17, 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Where: 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115 St., Merrionette Park

Feast of St. Joseph

Join Rock Island Public House for a celebration of the feast of St. Joseph. Geena Doherty's "Dessert First!" will be serving up tasty Italian bites paired with tastier drink specials from the bar and entertainment beginning at 8:00 p.m.

When: Friday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Rock Island Public House, 13328 Olde Western Ave.

Castle Concert Series: Michael Smith

Songwriter and guitarist Michael Smith performs at the Heritage Gallery as part of a live music series to raise funds for maintenance and restoration of the historic Givins Castle in Beverly. Suggested donation of \$20 payable at the door. Learn more by calling 773-719-7059.

When: Saturday, March 30, doors at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Heritage Gallery, 1907 W. 103rd St., Chicago

Art, History & Literature

Lincoln-Davis Civil War Roundtable

March's speaker is Jim Pula on "Under the Crescent Moon with the XI Corps." Optional dinner buffet at 6:00 p.m., with program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Following the program, enjoy coffee, dessert, gifts, and raffles. All are invited!

When: Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Country House Restaurant, 5400 W. 127th St., Alsip

Gallery Night

Blue Cap invites you to join them for Gallery Night, an exhibition and sale of artwork created by those Blue Cap so proudly serves. Gallery Night is part of Blue Cap's annual celebration of Intellectual/Developmental Disability Awareness month.

When: Wednesday, March 27, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Rock Island Public House, 13328 Olde Western Ave.

Jack & The Beanstalk

Join Jack and his dancing Spanish Cow Carmelita, as they try to save their village from a crazy Giant! Audience participation encouraged. This show is geared for families with children ages 2-10.

When: Weekdays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and

Weekends at 1:00 p.m. through May 10, 2019

Where: Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago

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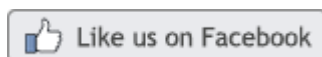
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events to:

sara@blueislandchamber.org

Tickets: Call (773) 205-9600 or
visit www.ChicagoKidsCompany.com

Community

Fair Housing For Persons With Disabilities

Join the South Suburban Housing Center and Progress Center For Independent Living to learn about fair housing rights and protections for accessibility and persons with disabilities.

When: Thursday, March 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Blue Island Public Library, 2433 York St.

Spring Tree Planting

Blue Island students, teachers, residents, and friends are invited to get their green on with a three-part Spring Tree Planting series:

LEARN! Find out about what trees do for your community and what the Student Conservation Association (SCA) is doing to restore Blue Island's neighborhood tree canopy.

When: Wednesday, April 3, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Eisenhower High School, 12700 Sacramento Ave.

PRACTICE! Experts from CSA, US Forester and Morton Arboretum will offer hands-on training to plant up to 15 trees on school property.

When: Tuesday, April 9, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Eisenhower High School, 12700 Sacramento Ave.

PLANT! All are invited to join community members in planting up to 65 parkway trees at predetermined sites within 8 blocks of Eisenhower High School.

When: Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: TBA

[Click here for more information and online registration.](#)

Blue Cap Food Pantry Information

Blue Cap offers a Food Pantry serving Blue Island and Robbins residents who provide a valid ID or piece of mail proving residency. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

When: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: Blue Cap on Market Street at rear of building

Food Pantry Collection Boxes

Collection boxes for Blue Cap's Food Pantry can be found at the Blue Island Library, 2433 York St., First Midwest Bank, 12015 S. Western Ave., Council Oak Montessori School, 2521 Grove St., John D. Rita Rec Center, 2805 141st St., and Access Family Health, 13000 Maple Ave., Blue Island, IL 60406.

They accept non-perishable food, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, disposable razors, toilet paper, tissue, laundry detergent, dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, disinfectant wipes, and baby diapers and wipes.

Guildhaus Fundraiser

For more than 30 years, Guildhaus in Blue Island has helped those recovering from drug and alcohol addiction -- and now they need our help to keep fighting the good fight. Learn more and donate online at

<https://www.gofundme.com/helping-hand-in-fight-of-addiction>.